Objectives of the scheme include, recharge of existing dugwells and improvement of ground water situation, increase in sustainability of ground water during lean period and improvement in the overall agricultural productivity. The scheme will benefit farmers in raising agricultural production through increased availability of ground water.

The funds allocated and spent so far in Eleventh Five Year Plan under the scheme in each State, especially in Andhra Pradesh are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

State	Subsidy allocated	Administrative/ training monitoring/ operating/impact assessment/ maintenance costs	Subsidy released	To Nodal Departments for Administrative/ IEC Activities, etc.
Andhra Pradesh	298.874	57.29	0	0.00
Gujarat	189.724	37.59	37.98	3.25
Karnataka	53.623	10.21	12.96	2.00
Madhya Pradesh	123.092	27.28	0	2.00
Maharashtra	100.684	19.07	9.32	2.00
Rajasthan	283.070	66.72	3.38	2.00
Tamil Nadu	450.203	81.30	87.75	5.75
TOTAL:	1499.270	299.46	151.39	17.00

Plan to interlink rivers

†1481. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether to do away with the problem of shortage of water in many States of the country Government has prepared or propose to prepare any plan to interlink the rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Water Resources (MOWR) (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980 envisaging inter-basin transfer of water from surplus basins to deficit basins/areas which comprises of two components, namely, Himalayan Rivers Development Component and Peninsular Rivers Development Component.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up under the MOWR in 1982 for carrying out various technical studies to establish the feasibility of the proposals of NPP and to give concrete shape to it. Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links (16 under Peninsular Component and 14 under Himalayan Component). Out of these, Feasibility Reports (FRs) of 14 links under Peninsular Component and of 2 links (Indian Portion) under Himalayan Component have been completed.

Further, the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of one link namely Ken – Betwa has been completed. NWDA has also taken up the DPRs of another two links namely Par – Tapi – Narmada and Damanganga – Pinjal which are planned to be completed by December, 2011.

The details of the links under NPP are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

List of water transfer links identified under NPP by NWDA

Peninsular Rivers Development Component

1. Mahanadi (Manibhadra) – Godavari (Dowlaiswaram) link#
2. Govdavari (Polavaram) – Krishna (Vijayawada) link#
3. Godavari (Inchampalli) – Krishna (Pulichintala) link#
4. Godavari (Inchampalli) – Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) link#
5. Krishna (Nagarjunasagar) – Pennar (Somasila) link#
6. Krishna (Srisailam) – Pennar link#
7. Krishna (Almatti) – Pennar link#
8. Pennar (Somasila) – Cauvery (Grand Anicut) link#
9. Cauvery (Kattalai) – Vaigai – Gundar link#
10. Parbati – Kalisindh – Chambal link#
11. Damanganga – Pinjal link#$
12. Par – Tapi – Narmada link#$
13. Ken – Betwa link#*
14. Pamba – Achankovil – Vaippar link#
15. Netravati – Hemavati link
16. Bedti – Varda link

Himalayan Rivers Development Component

1. Kosi – Mechi link
2. Kosi – Ghaghra link

3. Gandak – Ganga link

4. Ghaghra – Yamuna link# (Indian Portion)

5. Sarda – Yamuna link# (Indian Portion)

6. Yamuna-Rajasthan link

7. Rajasthan – Sabarmati link

8. Chunar – Sone Barrage link

9. Sone Dam – Southern Tributaries of Ganga link

10. Manas – Sankosh – Tista – Ganga (M-S-T-G) link

11. Jogighopa – Tista – Ganga (M-S-T-G) link

12. Farakka-Sunderbans link

13. Ganda – Damodar – Subernarekha link

14. Subernarekha – Mahanadi link

#FR completed

*DPR completed

$DPR taken up

Amount for development of sports in Punjab

1482. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has asked the State Government of Punjab to account for a grant that was released in the last financial year for the development of sports; and

(b) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL): (a) and (b) During 2008-09, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 12.55 crore has been sanctioned to Punjab for creation of sports infrastructure in 1233 village panchayats and 14 block panchayats under Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA). An amount of Rs. 6.27 crore was released towards 1st installment to Government of Punjab during 2008-09. Progress report on implementation of the scheme in the state has been sought from Government of Punjab for releasing the balance grant.

Athletes for Commonwealth Games 2010

1483. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of athletes who have been identified in each core group, and are likely to participate in the Commonwealth Games 2010;